

House Resolution No. 1715

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives were truly saddened by the death of Kansas City resident Henry B. "Sonny" Bell on March 26, 2007, at the age of forty-seven; and

Whereas, Sonny Bell was born on August 28, 1959, into the family of Henry and Shirley Bell, Sr., of Oswego, Kansas; and

Whereas, a 1977 graduate of Columbus High School, Sonny Bell continued his education and graduated from Pittsburg State University in 1981, after which time he proved himself to be an exceptional employee at BDS and GSI in Kansas City; and

Whereas, Sonny Bell enjoyed baseball, NASCAR, and writing songs, and he managed to include two of his three interests while serving as a cowriter for the "Backstretch Boys" band as a true fan of the racing fan; and

Whereas, Sonny Bell is survived by his beloved wife, Teresa "Tess" Bell, whom he married twenty-six wonderful years ago; his children, Traci and Kirk Peterson and Brandt Douglas Bell, who were the ultimate joy of his life; his parents; his grandparents, James M. and Pearl Wilson; a brother, Craig Bell; and two sisters, Tammy Guinn and Sherry Conner; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge the passing of an excellent Missouri citizen, Sonny Bell:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to memorialize the life and work of Sonny Bell and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt condolences to his family members, colleagues, friends, and neighbors who now miss his considerable strength, warmth, and light in their daily lives; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in memory of Henry B. "Sonny" Bell of Kansas City, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Connie L. Johnson
District No. 61

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 1715, adopted April 3, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker